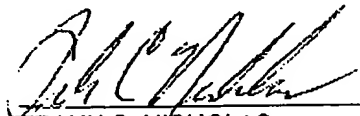


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number US010345 (7790/46)															
In re Application of: DEMETRI GIANNOPOULOS, ET AL.																	
Application Number: 09/916,955		Filed: JULY 27, 2001															
For: DUAL ENERGY COUPLING DEVICE																	
Group Art Unit: 2836		Examiner: POLK, S.															
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the <u>Appeal Brief</u> in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td>\$ 110.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td>\$ 420.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td>\$ 950.00</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td>\$ 1,480.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td>\$ 2,010.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$ _____</p> <p>A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit</p> <p>00000001 501713 pay 09916955 to Deposit Account No. 50-1713. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>Dated: <u>February 25, 2004</u></p> <p>CARDINAL LAW GROUP Suite 2000 1603 Orrington Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60201 (847) 905-7111</p> <p> FRANK C. NICHOLAS Registration No. 33,983 Attorney for Applicants</p>			<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 420.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 950.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ 1,480.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ 2,010.00
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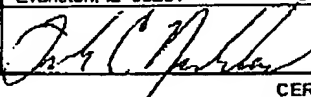

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